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DEPARTMENT REPEAT GENEVA FOR WISNER

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TAGS: PFOR, UK, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: FCO BRIEFING NOVEMBER 10

1. ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY MANSFIELD TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT IVOR RICHARD IS NOW CONFIDENT HE CAN GET THE MOMENTUM GOING AGAIN IN GENEVA. RICHARD SAYS THE NATIONALISTS SEEM MORE WILLING TO EXTEND THE INTERIM PERIOD BEFORE INDEPENDENCE IF AN AGREED LEGAL TIMETABLE MAKES THE EXTENSION APPEAR NECESSARY. MANSFIELD DID NOT SPECULATE WHY THE NATIONALISTS ARE MORE RELAXED ON THE QUESTION. THE WHITES HAVE ALSO INDICATED MORE FLEXIBILITY ON THE ISSUE. THEY INSIST, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE INDEPENDENCE DATE IS RESOLVED THEN THE CONFERENCE MUST PROCEED WITH AN AGENDA BASED ON THE FIVE POINTS EXCLUDING SUCH ISSUES AS THE FRANCHISE. THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. THE WHITES HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT A FIFTEEN-MONTH TRANSITION PERIOD, IF ACCEPTED, SHOULD BEGIN FROM THE DAY THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT TAKES OFFICE AND NOT FROM THE DAY OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. MANSFIELD WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ON THE CROSLAND-RICHARD OR CALLAGHAN-RICHARD MEETINGS IN LONDON OR ON THE CABINET SESSION PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 11 WHICH WILL  
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DISCUSS RHODESIA. HE SAID MERELY THAT RICHARD HAD RE-

VIEWED EVENTS WITH THE LEADERSHIP HERE AND EXAMINED  
VARIOUS TACTICAL POSSIBILITIES FOR THE CONFERENCE. HE  
SAID RICHARD REMAINED OPTIMISTIC AND REMARKABLY RESILIENT.

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